STATEMENT—II

The salient features of the Antarctic Treaty are as follows:

- The Treaty applies to an areas south of 60° South latitude.
- Antarctica shall be used for peaceful purposes only. Freedom of scientific investigation is protected and international co-operation will continue to that end.
- Nuclear explosions and disposal of radioactive wastes are prohibited.
- All State Parties shall exchange information and take measures to further the Treaty objectives.
- All decisions are taken in the meetings of the Consultative Parties which are held periodically.

The Treaty provisions are supplemented by a series of recommendations adopted through the meetings of the Consultative Parties. These cover a number of subjects of importance to Antarctica. These relate to the following:

(i) Protection of the Antarctic environment

(ii) Environmental conduct

(iii) Environmental monitoring

(iv) Conservation of Antarctic fauna and flora

(v) New Islands

(vi) Tourism and non-Governmental activity

(vii) Uses of Antarctic ice

(viii) Specially protected areas

(ix) Sites of special scientific interest

(x) Historic sites and monuments etc.

Industrial Dispute

4433. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a failure of conciliation Report from the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Vijayawada regarding the industrial dispute between the management of M/s. Singarani Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem, Khammam, district Andhra Pradesh and the Coal Mines Employees Union;

(b) if so, the main features of the report and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether the Government propose to refer the dispute to arbitration?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c). The industrial dispute between the management of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem, Khammam district, Andhra Pradesh and the Coal Mines Employees Union regarding alleged illegal dismissal of Shri G. Seshagiri Rao has already been referred for adjudication vide this Ministry's order No. L-22012/261/91-IR(C.II) dated 4.12.1991.